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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended two months from May 11, 2004, to July 11, 2004, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is believed to be \$420.00 for a two-month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038). However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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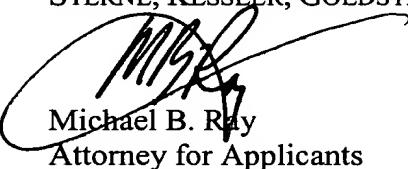
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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